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For: HYDRAULIC CONTROL FOR AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2005, Applicant hereby elects the species of Transmission 1: Figs. 1-6b, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1, 2, 8-17 and 23-26 are readable on the elected species. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 are generic. However, Applicant believes that claims 1, 8 and 9 are generic.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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